

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 24, 26, 28, 31, 33, and 35 have been amended. Claims 9, 27, and 38 have been cancelled. Claims 2-7, 12, 13, 15, 17-23, 25, 29, 30, 32, 34, 36, and 37 are also in the case.

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested in light of the following further remarks.

II. Discussion

The March 26, 2007 final Office action indicates that claims 8-14, 16, 26-28, and 33-38 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. This has been done as follows:

Claim 8: Formerly dependent on claim 1, claim 8 has now been rewritten as an independent claim including all the features of claim 1 as it stood at the time of the March 26 Office action.

Claim 9: Formerly dependent on claim 1, claim 9 has now been cancelled and its features have been added to claim 1 as it stood at the time of the March 26 Office action.

Claim 10: Formerly dependent on claim 1, claim 10 has now been rewritten as an independent claim including all the features of claim 1 as it stood at the time of the March 26 Office action.

Claim 11: Formerly dependent on claim 2 (and thus also on claim 1), claim 11 has now been rewritten as an independent claim including all the features of claims 1 and 2 as they stood at the time of the March 26 Office action.

Claims 12 and 13: Remain dependent on claim 11.

Claim 14: Formerly dependent on claim 1, claim 14 has now been rewritten as an independent claim including all the features of claim 1 as it stood at the time of the March 26 Office action.

Claim 16: Formerly dependent on claim 15 (and thus also on claim 1), claim 16 has now been rewritten as an independent claim including all the features of claims 1 and 15 as they stood at the time of the March 26 Office action.

Claim 26: Formerly dependent on claim 24, claim 26 has now been rewritten as an independent claim including all the features of claim 24 as it stood at the time of the March 26 Office action.

Claim 27: Formerly dependent on claim 24, claim 27 has now been cancelled and its features have been added to claim 24 as it stood at the time of the March 26 Office action.

Claim 28: Formerly dependent on claim 24, claim 28 has now been rewritten as an independent claim including all the features of claim 24 as it stood at the time of the March 26 Office action.

Claim 33: Formerly dependent on claim 31, claim 33 has now been rewritten as an independent claim including all the features of claim 31 as it stood at the time of the March 26 Office action.

Claim 34: Remains dependent on claim 33.

Claim 35: Formerly dependent on claim 31, claim 35 has now been rewritten as an independent claim including all the features of claim 31 as it stood at the time of the March 26 Office action.

Claim 36: Remains dependent on claim 35.

Claim 37: Remains dependent on claim 36.

Claim 38: Formerly dependent on claim 31, claim 38 has now been cancelled and its features have been added to claim 31 as it stood at the time of the March 26 Office action.

All of the other claims that remain in this application are dependent from the claims mentioned specifically above. These other claims should therefore be allowable because the claims from which they depend are allowable as indicated in the March 26, 2007 Office action.

III. Conclusion

The foregoing demonstrates that claim 1-8, 10-26, and 28-37 are allowable as indicated in the March 26, 2007 Office action. Claims 9, 27, and 38 have been cancelled. This application is therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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